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Devolin may testify in Duffy trial

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Member of Parliament Barry Devolin has been served with papers stating he may be called as a witness at the trial of former Conservative Senator Mike Duffy, set to start this April.

Duffy is facing numerous charges, including fraud and breach of trust.

Devolin was recently notified that he may be called to testify in regards to a fundraising event that involved the MP and Duffy.

"I was served with papers by the RCMP that I may be called as a witness but I haven't actually been subpoenaed to appear yet," said Devolin. "They serve many people with papers and then at some point the lawyers decide who they're actually going to call."

Devolin said he was contacted by the RCMP prior to Christmas and spoke to one of the investigators on the phone.

The event in question was hosted in Cambray in 2009 by the Conservative Riding Association, explained Devolin.

"Every year in June we had a fundraising event ... for years it was called Breakfast with Barry," said the MP. "Most years we have a guest speaker. There have been ministers, Peter McKay has been, Jason Kenney has been ... and in 2009 Mike Duffy was our invited guest."

Recollecting the event in question,

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Against bullying

Students and staff at ASES donned pink for national Anti-Bullying Day on Feb. 25. More on page 8. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Farmers' market eyes downtown Minden

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association is looking to set up a third market location.

One in downtown Minden.

The association's Angel Taylor and Rick Ratcliff visited Minden Hills at their Feb. 25 meeting.

Founded in 2009, the farmers' market has two locations throughout the warm months – one in Carnarvon on Friday af-

ternoons and one in Haliburton's Head Lake Park on Tuesday afternoons.

Experiencing significant growth since its inception, the market has 39 vendors on its roster, each market session typically bringing out 20 vendors selling everything from vegetables to pork to berries to cheeses to baked goods.

The gross income for its vendors in 2009 was \$44,000. For 2014, that figure was \$285,000.

As Taylor explained, as part of the market association's membership in Farmers'

Markets Ontario, at least 51 per cent of the good sold must be agricultural.

"They do not want, nor do we want, a flea market," Taylor said.

The market association gets its liability insurance, as well as some promotion, through Farmers' Markets Ontario.

Of the organization's 169 members, Taylor said 18 per cent are market associations with two locations. Only 6.5 per cent have three locations.

"We are on the cusp of really joining an

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Reeve supportive of market proposal

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elite membership," Taylor said.

The association wishes to run a one-season pilot market in the Minden Hills municipal parking lot, market day being Saturday, from June 20 through Aug. 29.

It would have a minimum of 10 vendors.

Ratcliff said the association would require the space for about six hours – four hours for the market and a couple hours of set-up and take-down.

That would mean that parked vehicles would have to be moved from the area between about 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

"We really need a crisp, quick answer," Taylor said.

"I'm fairly confident that we're supportive of what you're trying to do here," Reeve Brent Devolin said, looking around the table to nodding councillors.

The issue will be referred to staff and Devolin expected council would have an official answer as soon as next month.

Main break cause of street closure

by ANGELICA BLENICH

Times Staff

Residents of Minden Hills had to take a detour last Friday as Newcastle Street was closed for approximately 12 hours as the result of a service main break.

On Feb. 27 at 8:30 a.m. the township issued a release stating the street was closed from St. Germaine to Bobcaygeon Road, as well as Milne Street to Prince Street due to the incident. A portion of the municipal parking lot adjacent to the fire hall was also closed, read the release.

The cause of the incident was due to a saddle on the main breaking, said Ivan Ingram, environmental and property operations manager for the township.

"That saddle has a valve on it that you drill through to get to a service," he said. "The saddle broke, just age and what have you. It was a very old system ... so we had to dig down to the main and replace the saddle."

The manager believes frost in the ground might have contributed to the incident. The road was reopened at about 8 p.m. that same day, said Ingram.

"It took a long time to find it and get all the equipment

set-up," he said.

During the closure no one was able to travel along the affected streets. Area residents and businesses were not affected by any water loss, said Ingram.

The health unit and spills action centre were called by the township as a precautionary measure.

"But everything was good," said Ingram.



Streets were closed in downtown Minden as municipal staff worked to repair a water main break on Friday, Feb. 27. /PAUL BANELOPOULOS Staff

MARCH BREAK PROGRAMMING

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AGE: Recommended 8+

All material is supplied. Children must bring healthy snacks, drinks and lunch. A kitchen area is available. Children must remain at the Centre for the entire day.

Appropriate outdoor wear is necessary.



Monday

ART 9am to 12pm

Vincent Van Gogh was a famous Dutch painter. He was known for bright, vibrant paintings that used paint strokes to evoke movement. Children will try this style of painting, using techniques with acrylic paint, and will also plant their own sunflower to have come Spring!

ACTIVITIES 12:30pm to 3:30pm

We will walk to the arena for a GPS scavenger hunt. Children will receive a quick tutorial on operating a GPS, then divide into teams and race to complete a scavenger hunt. Included in the scavenger hunt is a word puzzle with a Dr. Seuss theme. Upon returning to the Cultural Centre children will explore what being Canadian means to them. Children will assist one another in tracing the outline of their entire body then fill in their silhouette by drawing, writing and pasting all things that they feel makes them Canadian/what they love about Canada

Outdoor wear required.

Tuesday

ART 9am to 12pm

Kandinsky was an influential Russian painter and art theorist. He is credited with painting one of the first purely abstract works. This class offers this pure creativity and exploration in visual art. Children will paint a giant mural painting while listening to music which can stimulate pure creative thought. This project allows for a number of art skills to develop.

ACTIVITIES 12:30pm to 3:30pm

National Film Board documentary *A Crack In The Pavement: Growing Dreams* - A look into what kids and schools have done to turn paved school yards into green schoolyards.

Tour of tour of Nature's Place to discuss *Dead Zones The Health of Our Lakes* exhibition. Children will create a collage as a group depicting healthy water in Nature's Place. End of day the class will walk to the arena for a game of broomball.

Outdoor wear required.

Wednesday

ART 9am to 12pm

George Seurat was a French Post-Impressionist painter and draftsman. He is noted for his innovative use of drawing media and for devising the painting techniques known as pointillism. For this work-shop

children focus on watercolor - using the pointillism method and create an imaginative underwater scene

ACTIVITIES 12:30pm to 3:30pm

For the afternoon, children will enjoy a nature walk; identifying what spring has to offer in the wetlands along the board walk. This will be followed with a game of soccer baseball and a game of Camouflage. Outdoor wear required.

Thursday

ART 9am to 12pm

Frida Kahlo de Rivera was a Mexican painter who is best known for her self-portraits. Students add "some-thing that helps people know them better" to their self-portraits, even if it's as simple as using their favorite color in the background. The technique for making borders helps unify the piece and teach design methods.

ACTIVITIES 12:30pm to 3:30pm

National Film Board documentary *The Girl Who Hated Books*. This animated short about literacy introduces us to Meena, a young girl who hates books even though her parents love to read. Books are everywhere in Meena's house, in cupboards, drawers and even piled up on the stairs. Still, she refuses to even open one up. But when her cat Max accidentally knocks down a huge stack, pandemonium ensues and nothing is ever the same again. Children will then play a game of pioneer bingo followed by broom ball at the arena. Outdoor wear required.

Friday

ART 9am to 12pm

Marc Chagall was a Belorussian-born French artist whose work generally was based on emotional association rather than traditional pictorial fundamentals. Children will enjoy creating quirky streetscapes and dream-like scenes. There's just something really fun about crooked buildings and random things flying through the air!

ACTIVITIES 12:30pm to 3:30pm

The afternoon will start with a nature hike, identifying plants in the wetlands along the boardwalk, ending at the ball diamonds behind the arena where a tournament of Frisbee Golf will be held. Upon returning to the Cultural Centre children will be creating woven baskets with paper plates and yarn. Outdoor wear required.

Next court date set for Handlen trial

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

Former Minden resident and accused murderer Garry Handlen made a brief court appearance via video on Monday, March 2 at the Abbotsford provincial courthouse in B.C. to determine his next court date, according to Vikki Hopes, reporter with the *Abbotsford News*.

Handlen was charged on Nov. 28, 2014 for murdering two B.C. girls in the 1970s. Up until he was charged, the 67-year-old man had been making his home in Minden on Anson Street.

Hopes told *The Times* it was a brief appearance, in which his next court date was

scheduled for April 1.

"This is also a non-consequential court appearance," Hopes wrote in an email to *The Times*.

"It's marked as particulars. This is when a case is adjourned so that the defence can get "particulars" on the case from the prosecutor."

The mothers of the victims were in attendance at the court appearance, according to the *Abbotsford News*.

Handlen has previously served time for sexual assault.

He was arrested without incident by the RCMP in Surrey, B.C.

The charges have not been proven in court.

Issue could be expenses

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Devolin said he remembers Duffy was involved in a separate event the previous night in Peterborough. "I believe it was also a riding event," said the MP.

He believes Duffy stayed at a hotel that night in Peterborough and then was brought to the breakfast event at the Cambray Hall by a volunteer. Another volunteer then took him from Kawartha Lakes to the Toronto airport, said Devolin.

"The question, I believe, is how Mike Duffy expensed his costs related to that trip, as opposed to what he was actually doing on the trip," he said.

Devolin said he believes several of his colleagues have been served with papers to testify as well. He maintains that no money between him and his office staff was exchanged with Duffy at the event.

"There was no transportation, there was

no accommodation and there were no paid meals involved," he said. "No money ever changed hands in either direction."

The MP says he does not know if Duffy claimed expenses for that event.

"Whether there was something in particular that day or that weekend that has raised a red flag or whether just for due diligence the RCMP are following up on all of these events, I also don't know that," said Devolin.

Devolin further explained that while parliamentary business can be expensed, party business cannot be, and that this event fell into the latter category, as it was hosted by the riding association and not the MP.

Along with Devolin, the prime minister's former chief of staff and other MPs have been contacted to testify at the trial, according to multiple media reports.

None of the charges has been proven in court and Duffy maintains he is innocent.

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COTW/COUNCIL

March 6

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March 12

Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers with NOTICE of a Special Council meeting to follow re:

2015 Budget Approval

March 26

Regular meeting of Council at 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers

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Conditions are currently being monitored and the half load restriction may begin at any time during the next few weeks. Please watch for Notices posted on our website and for signage placed on affected roadways.

2015 FEES & CHARGES

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MARCH BREAK AT THE SG NESBITT MEMORIAL ARENA

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3:00-4:00: Broomball. Helmets are required.

TUESDAY

12:00-2:00: Public Skating. Cost is \$2.00
2:00-3:00: Broomball. Helmets are required.
3:00-4:00: Shinny (ages 14-17). Protective gear required.

WEDNESDAY

12:00-2:00: Public Skating. Cost is \$2.00
2:00-3:00: Shinny (ages 8-13). Protective gear required.
Contact Elisha Weiss at 705-286-1936 x204 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

THURSDAY

12:00-2:00: Public

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Tuesday March 17

S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena & Community Centre,
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From 6:00 to 8:00 pm

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www.mindenhills.ca/panam/ for details.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Minden Ball Diamonds

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1. Summer Students - Minden Hills Cultural Centre

The Minden Hills Community Services Department is currently accepting resumes for three (3) summer student positions effective from May 12 to August 22, 2015.

This position provides support and assistance to the curators for the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden Hills Museum & Pioneer Village and Nature's Place.

This position is based on a 35-hour work week, involving variable shifts. The rate of pay is \$11.00 per hour

Students must be between the ages of 16-30 and returning to school in the fall. Preference will be given to those with experience in art history, museum studies, environmental studies or museum/gallery administration or related combination.

2. Summer Students - Parks Position

The Minden Hills Community Services Department is currently accepting resumes for two (2) summer student positions effective from May 4 to August 31, 2015.

This position provides support and a variety of maintenance operations for the Community Services Department.

This position is based on a 40-hour work week, involving variable shifts. The rate of pay is \$11.00 per hour

Students must be between the ages of 16-30 and returning to school in the fall. Preference will be given to those with experience in lawn care, gardening painting, cleaning, or related combination.

Vulnerable Sector Checks are required for either position.

Descriptions can be obtained from www.mindenhills.ca, or by contacting the Administrative Assistant at 705-286-1260 ext. 313 or sprntce@mindenhills.ca.

Please submit your letter of application together with a detailed resume of education and experience by 12:00:00 noon, local time, Friday, March 20, 2015 to:

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Minden-area businesses honoured at gala

by JENN WATT
Editor

Several Minden-area businesses took home honours on Saturday night at the annual Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Gala at Pinestone Resort.

Supertrax media, publisher of the largest audited circulation snowmobiling magazine in the world, took the Innovation and Creativity Award.

Supertrax isn't just a magazine, there is also Snowtrax TV, which airs on OLN and Wild TV, Dirttrax Online and many other initiatives relating to snowmobiling and ATVirng.

"The guys, they love being part of this community," said Lindsay Lester on behalf of the company. She said about 80 per cent of the filming done for the television productions is done in the Haliburton Highlands.

The company employs nine people locally and seven others outside of the county.

"Making all of this happen in Haliburton County requires a large investment in electronic communication and a team of passionate, committed and talented media professionals who love to live here," said MC Mike Jaycock, reading the judge's feedback.

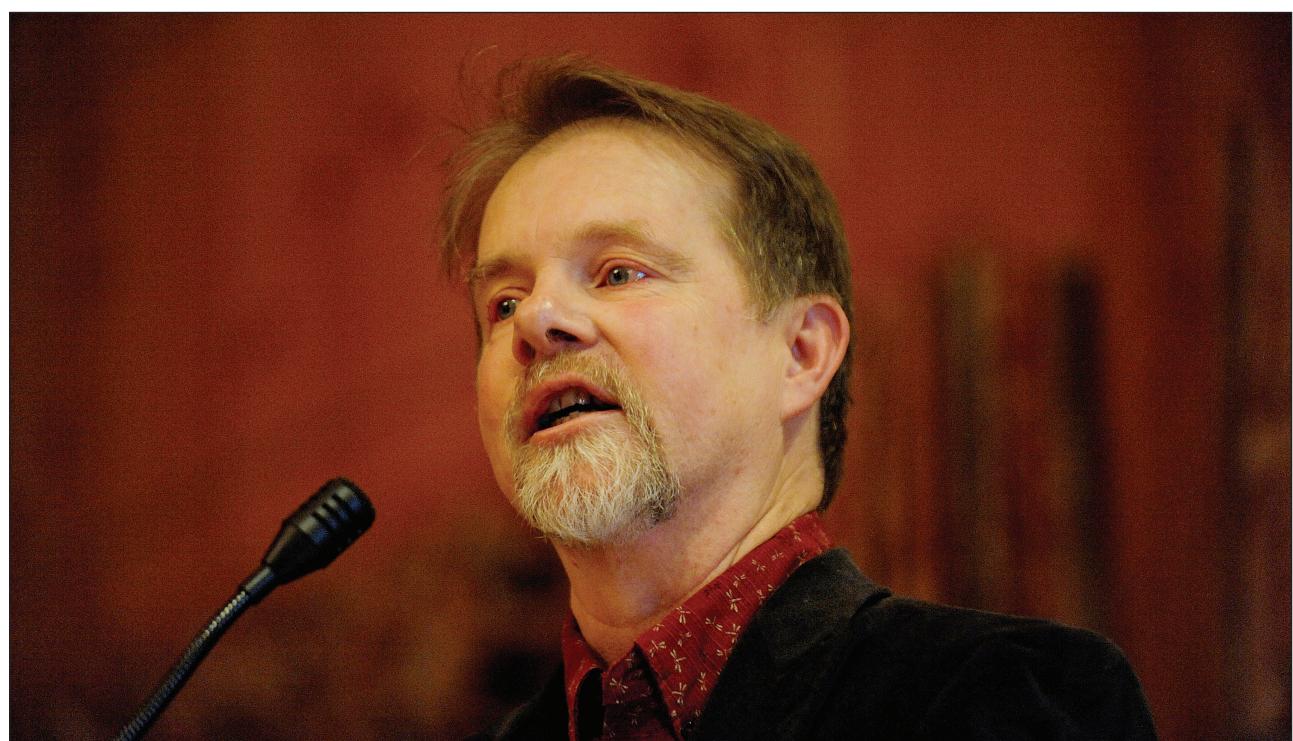
Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast off Gelert Road near Minden was selected for the Tourism and Hospitality Award.

The bed and breakfast was chosen not only for its service as a local accommodator, but for the work its owners – Sally Moore and Jan Clarke – have put into improving the overall tourism sector.

"Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast has become a Haliburton Highlands cottage country gem," Jaycock said from the judge's notes.

"If I had one wish it would be that every individual in this room for the next five weeks in preparation of the summer, every time you pick up the phone say, 'I look forward to welcoming you to the Haliburton Highlands,'" Moore said as she accepted the award.

"We are so happy to be part of this celebration and I look forward to seeing you out in the world in the Haliburton Highlands."



This year's Highlander of the Year Award recipient Jim Blake addresses the sold out crowd of 202 people at the ninth annual Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Pinestone Resort. Organized by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the event recognized commercial and community excellence./DARREN LUM Staff

Downtown Minden's Yummy Mummy Emporium took home the Customer First Award.

The Bobcaygeon Road business was recognized for her dedication to healthy children and providing unique products including holistic medicine.

Owner Amanda Vollmer was unable to attend to accept the award.

The Minden Times and sister paper *The Haliburton Echo* were winners in the Business Achievement Award category.

The papers were honoured for excellence in business, operating with integrity and integrating community service into their practices.

Publisher David Zilstra accepted the award and thanked staff, advertisers and readers for the support over the more than 100 years of business in the Highlands.

Highlander of the Year was given to Haliburton's Jim Blake for his 25 years of community building and volunteering. Among his lengthy list of achievements was his work with U-Links, Communities in Action, Dusk Dances, the Rail Trail committee, the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and much more.

"I chose to live here 25 years ago and what a great decision. I chose to live here because I love this place and grew up here in the summertime, but I also chose to live

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Lindsay Lester, wife of A.J. Lester of Supertrax accepted the innovation and creativity award from sponsor representative Haliburton County Development Corporation's Peter Fredericks.



This year's recipient of the tourism and hospitality award was Sunny Rock B&B owner Sally Moore (with partner Jan Clarke out of frame). She reminds people to say, "welcome to the the Haliburton Highlands."

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The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce award winners from left, Craig Gordon and Colby Marcellus of Baked and Battered for new business; Barrie Martin of the Haliburton County Folk Society for not-for-profit of the year; Willy Ewaschuk and wife Patti of Cottage Hill Furniture and Cabinets, Skilled Trades And Industry Award; David Zilstra of the Haliburton County Echo and Minden Times, Business Achievement Award; Jan Clarke and Sally Moore of Sunny Rock B&B, Tourism And Hospitality Award, Lindsay Lester of Supertrax, Innovation And Creativity Award; Highlander of the Year Jim Blake and Warden's Award recipient Paul MacInnes of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association /DARREN LUM Staff

Warden impressed by CHA's commitment to ecology

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here because it was such a dynamic community," Blake said.

Algonquin Highlands resident Paul MacInnes, chairman of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations, was called up to the front of the ballroom by county Warden Murray Fearrey to accept the Warden's Award for the coalition's work since 2009.

In particular, Fearrey commended CHA for its work in preserving water quality.

"There isn't a person in this room not affected by that now or even in the future," he said.

MacInnes said he was honoured and surprised by the award and thanked the volunteers of the Highlands.

"Volunteers are special people. They don't do it for money, they don't do it for glory. They do it for the cause

and to benefit their community. I just want to say thanks to all of those volunteers."

Not-for-Profit of the Year was given to the Haliburton County Folk Society for their efforts in promoting music and aiding musicians.

"We just enjoy bringing great music to the community, supporting all types of music, not just folk and trying to encourage young musicians and others to play music," Barrie Martin said, accepting the award on behalf of the folk society.

Cottage Hill Furniture and Cabinets of Harcourt was honoured with the Skilled Trades and Industry Award.

"Cottage Hill Furniture and Cabinets designs, builds and installs kitchens, bathroom vanities, Murphy beds, furniture and custom cabinetry with a flair of creativity and a high degree of craftsmanship," said Jaycock of the

company.

Entrepreneur of the Year went to Peter Schleifenbaum, owner of Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, who was unable to attend the event.

Jaycock said the judges were impressed with how Schleifenbaum had created a sustainable model of forestry and has consistently taken chances and grown his business over the years.

The New Business Award was given to Baked and Battered of Haliburton Village.

Judges were impressed by the high quality food, consistency, great customer service and innovative ways the business had adapted to the slower winter season. Baked and Battered employs five year round staff and up to 16 staff in the summer.

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Brian the bully

LAST WEEK, students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School donned pink shirts – and some colourful socks – for national Anti-Bullying Day.

The tradition dates to 2007 when two teens in Berwick, Nova Scotia put on pink T-shirts to support a local Grade 9 boy who'd been bullied for the horrible crime of wearing a pink T-shirt to school.

Most of us probably had experiences with bullying growing up, either as bully, victim or both.

A new Angus Reid poll has 75 per cent of Canadian adults saying they experienced some kind of bullying when they were in school and 46 per cent of parents saying their children have been bullied in school.

I had a bully in Grade 8. His name was Brian. Brian was, as I can see easily in retrospect, going through a difficult time.

Brian was chubby. He didn't do very well in school. He didn't get attention from girls. His parents' marriage had recently broken up.

My situation in each of these areas was the opposite. I was also the smallest kid in our grade, no contest, and so an easy target.

It's like a bad after-school special, so stereotypical it's almost painful. Brian wasn't very creative.

I was slammed into lockers, called names - "brainer" and "loser" were favourites – and had things thrown at me.

Having never had a bully before, it was upsetting. Traumatizing, really.

I can still recall the sinking feeling of seeing him coming down the hall, and the elated feeling when school was over for the day.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

I tried to ignore him the best I could, never said anything to my teachers and took to going home for lunch so I wouldn't have to see him.

Elementary school ended and Brian moved on with our lives. I have no idea what happened to him, but can only assume something wonderful.

I don't think about Brian much, but I did as I stood on the stage in the ASES gym last week, taking a picture of students with their pink shirts.

Bullying of course still persists at schools today, it's foolish to think it doesn't. In fact, today's youth have the added complication of cyber-bullying, allowing their bullies to follow them home, at least virtually.

Bullying will always exist because some people are simply so small the only way they can make themselves feel big is to put others down. It's a learned behaviour that some people pass along to their kids.

But at least school boards are making an attempt to do something about it and to institutionally foster friendly and respectful learning environments.

Encouraging kids to stand up to bullies has become part of the curriculum, as has being kind to one another.

Along with celebrating the annual Anti-Bullying Day, schools teach character education. The Trillium Lakelands District School Board has a program called "I Am . . . Because of You," which encourages students to tell each other how they have helped them become better people.

For information on how the TLDSB is making compassion part of the curriculum, visit www.puzzlpeace.ca.

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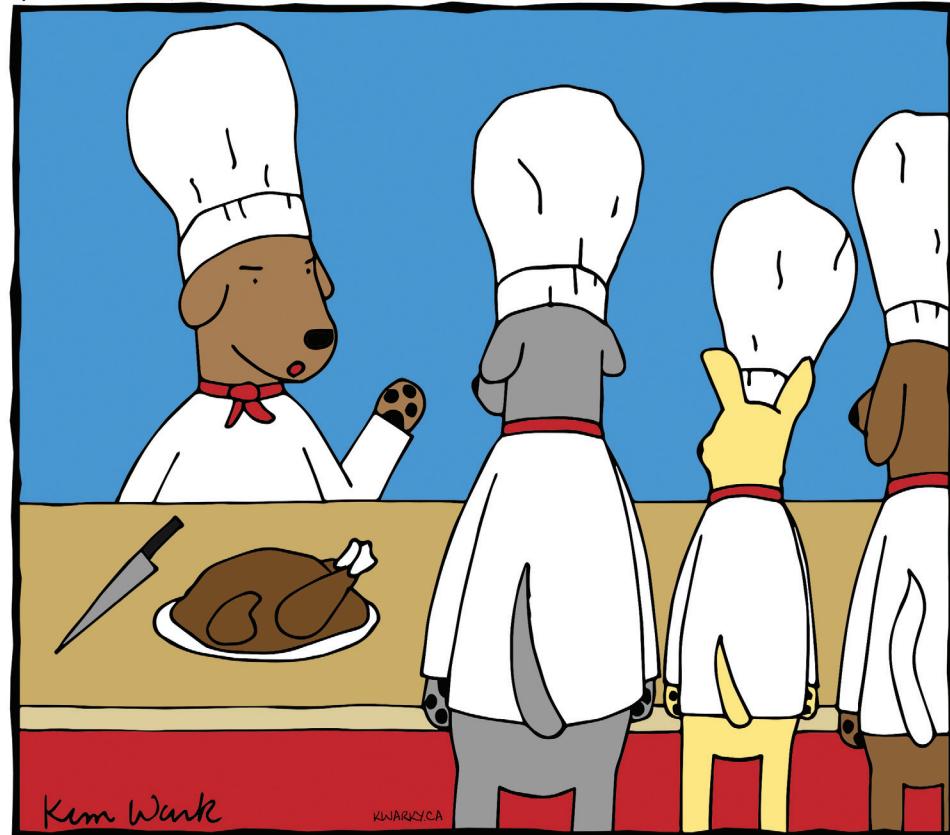
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Tunnel vision

IN CASE YOU haven't heard, the Toronto tunnel mystery has been solved. Metro police announced the underground excavation found in a north TO woods was apparently the brainchild of two bored men who wanted to build a man cave – literally.

Their work was buried long ago and the "who dug it?" has been solved. So it's all water under the bridge now.

Yet, I think it is fair to say some good has come out of all this.

Here's why. The minute the Metro police spokesperson said "No charges have been laid" and "There's no criminal offence for digging a hole..." every man who has ever dreamed of digging a tunnel started making plans.

I won't lie to you. I count myself among them.

Even as we speak, my buddy Tom, who lives a 120 kilometres away, and I are planning to link the tunnels we will dig this spring.

We'd start now, but the snow and frost would make things difficult.

Besides, this is going to take some planning.

First, we'll need to find our shovels. Second, we'll need GPS co-ordinates of the other guy's tunnel so we can dig towards it. Feats of engineering like this don't just happen you know.

Preliminary estimates suggest that we should probably link up by early May should our shovels not be misplaced.

Right now, you are probably thinking we're dreaming big time – after all, shovels always get misplaced.

OK, that's true. I'll confess, I misplace my shovel about 24 times a summer but, between you and me, I do it on purpose.

That's because most times having a shovel handy only gets you into trouble. If you

have one in hand you will soon find yourself cleaning up after dogs, digging gardens, planting or removing shrubs or burying your last catfish stink bait experiment. None of these things are what I'd describe as fun.

Yes, there was that one time I used a shovel to search for hidden pirate's gold. But you don't get an anonymous letter containing a treasure map every day. Unfortunately, someone must have got to that treasure first, because I couldn't find it. The good news, however, is that the holes I dug were exactly where Jenn wanted to plant the shrubs she brought home that night, so at least she didn't have to dig new ones.

But I digress.

Clearly a tunnel from here to just west of Orillia is not going to be easy. There will probably be a rock or two to contend with, and perhaps some underground power lines which is why I'll likely need to borrow a hammer and chisel too.

Still, it's clearly worth the effort. Once complete, this tunnel will allow Tom and I to yell stuff to each other without having to utilize costly long distance plans. We're even thinking we could meet halfway for lunch on Wednesdays.

But mostly our vision is to have the world's longest man cave with a ping pong table, a bar fridge, big screen TV and old couch, plus a really, really long bowling alley.

The good news is Jenn is actually being quite supportive. In fact, she has even helped me select the location where I should start digging – though I'm still not sure why she's insists it ought to have a southern exposure and good drainage.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

NOTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

letters to the editor

Catch the Cure organizers give thanks

To the Editor:

Minden's second annual Catch the Cure event was held on Family Day weekend in honour of International Angelman Day on Feb. 15.

To celebrate our three children who have Angelman Syndrome (AS) and all children who live and play in the area, and to raise funding for the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics, the event was organized by both the McCutcheon and Tiffin families. Our families, however, couldn't have organized such a spectacular event without the generosity and encouragement of business owners, service clubs, Archie Stouffer Elementary School staff and students, local residents, family, and friends.

The McCutcheons and Tiffins, alongside the international AS community, are so very grateful to everyone who donated to, volunteered at, and/or attended the event in support of AS research and inclusion of people with disabilities.

With or without a therapy for our children, we have so much hope for their future in this community because of your interest and understanding. To learn more about Angelman Syndrome, or to see photos and video from the event, visit catchthecure.ca

Bethan, Sean, Tecwyn and Tathan McCutcheon and Justin, Sue, Harper and Lennon Tiffin

Libraries and our stories

IAN DONALDSON, a friend and co-worker back in the "good old days," was the best news person I ever knew. Some people are blessed with a nose for news. Ian had a big toe for news. It tingled whenever he sensed an important story.

Ian passed away some years back, but I was thinking about him this week while doing some reading on libraries. I hadn't read far when I muttered to myself: "Ian's big toe would be tingling right now."

Libraries in many parts of the English-speaking world have been hit hard by the recession. More than 200 libraries have closed in Britain in the last couple of years. In the U.S., a Library Journal survey reported that 93 per cent of large libraries have cut hours and/or laid off staff.

In Canada, an estimated two dozen federal departmental libraries have been closed.

Political expediency is a threat to our libraries. The politocrats who govern us find it easy to argue that libraries are not as necessary as they once were. Google can tell you anything you need to know without having to leave home. Ebooks, Emagazines, Enewspapers are widely accepted and widely available. Do libraries really need the level of funding they needed in the past?

Many libraries have moved into more electronic services. In some places, such as San Antonio, Texas, libraries with no physical books have been built. They are cheaper – at first glance – to build and operate.

But what we must impress upon our politicians and government bureaucrats is that libraries are not mere repositories

for books. They are public gathering spots, free to all regardless of social status, income or level of education. A library is the last public space to which a person can go alone and feel safe and comfortable.

The importance of libraries is seen easily in Haliburton County. County librarian Bessie Sullivan notes that our physical library buildings, and their electronic services, both play important roles in the county.

She says that electronic services are important in Haliburton, where geography and weather create challenges. The library's E-traffic spikes noticeably in bad weather.

Yet the electronic services cannot replace the physical library, which can provide the social networking that helps people overcome isolation.

"If you need welcoming public space to pass the time for any number of reasons, then the library buildings themselves are important," says Ms. Sullivan.

Back in 1971 American author Isaac Asimov wrote a letter to students of a school that had built a new library. This is what he told them:

"Congratulations on the new library, because it isn't just a library. It is a spaceship that will take you to the farthest reaches of the universe, a time machine that will take you to the far past and the far future, a teacher that knows more than any human being, a friend that will amuse you and console you – and most of all, a gateway, to a better and happier and more useful life."

The state of our libraries is an important story. It's up to all of us to ensure that politicians across the country understand that libraries are not just buildings that hold books. They are a critical part of our social fabric.

Canadian author Richard Wagamese wrote that stories are all that we leave behind when our lives end:

"All that we are is story. From the moment we are born to the time we continue on our spirit journey, we are involved in the creation of the story of our time here. It is what we arrive with. It is all we leave behind. We are not the things we accumulate. We are not the things we deem important. We are story. All of us."

Libraries are the safe vaults in which our stories are kept. They are the places where we can go to read our stories, where we can write our stories, where we can sit peacefully and think about our stories.

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Irene Torres coming to Minden

Irene Torres is a young, talented vocalist and she's coming to the Dominion Hotel in Minden on March 14, as part of the Canadian Blues Legends series. She'll be fronting her great band the Sugar Devils. Irene is originally from Lima Peru, and when she was just six years old she and her family came to Canada as refugees.

While the family was undergoing the Canadian citizenship procedure Irene burst into song by singing the Canadian national anthem at the top of her lungs. Fast forward a few years and you'd find Irene singing with her first band, comprised of students from the Humber College jazz program. Things just progressed from there for the sassy lass. She sang a couple of times at Healey's in Toronto, and honed her chops at a little restaurant on St. Clair Avenue called Zemra.

Fast forward again to 2012 when Irene Torres and the Sugar Devils were the winners of the Toronto Blues Society Talent Search. In 2013 they won the Road to Memphis competition and as a result, had the honour of representing Canada at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tenn.

New Orleans harmonica legend Johnny Sansone had this to say about the band. "They're a swinging outfit that has the best of retro with a contemporary hold. Irene has the pipes to impress... I was rocked all night."

The band backing Irene Torres for the Dominion gig includes regular Sugar Devils Josh Piche, RJ Satchithananthan on bass, and Ian Mackay on drums. Joining the band for this occasion is a special guest, guitar legend, and former Jeff Healey band member Pat Rush, so Dominion patrons should expect some vocal and instrumental fireworks.

"You've had some great talent for your blues series," Torres said in a recent phone interview "and we're all looking forward to playing and singing some blues, soul, R&B, a bit of jazz, and originals from our new album."

Irene Torres and the Sugar Devils play the Dominion Hotel in Minden on March 14. Tickets are available at www.DominionHotelPub.ca or by pick-up at the hotel, 113 Bobcaygeon Rd. in Minden.

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This Week In...

When a newspaper has been serving a community for more than half a century, it builds up quite a collection of archives. The *Times* office is packed with boxes of old papers dating back to the 1960s, when the publication was known as the *Minden Progress*. It took the name the *Times* in the 1970s. Each of these boxes is like a time capsule, revealing the issues of the day. Many of the stories provide context for narratives that are still playing out in one way or another today. Every week, the *Times* will take a look at what happened in Minden 10 years before, in 2005, and 25 years before, in 1990.

From the March 4, 2005 issue:

County councillors face a tax levy increase of 20 per cent as they begin their second round of deliberations on the draft budget, Sheryl Loucks reports. "Not liking that number, they quickly decided not to pay off the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's portion of the HHHS capital debt through a county levy," the front-page story reads. The Haliburton County Snowmobile Club was receiving a \$30,000 grant, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association \$10,000 and the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network \$40,000.

Pine Springs residents are relieved when Maple Lake landfill is designated as the optimum site for a septic filtration system, "out-ranking the previously considered Pine Springs location largely because of the availability of hydro," Lance Crossley reports. Bringing more hydro to the Pine Springs site would have cost the township \$125,000.

From the March 5, 1990 issue:

Initial groundwork for creating affordable housing in Haliburton County has been laid, but a non-profit housing board will need to be created before further progress can be made. A municipal housing statement from Haliburton County identifies the need for at least 54 units of assisted housing.

The Haliburton County School Board cancels religion classes at all its schools. The decision came following an Ontario Court of Appeal ruling that religious education of a single faith contravened the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Some trustees were unhappy with the education ministry and superintendent of education Dale Robinson reminded them it was the court, not the ministry, making the decision. "You might not like it, but you can't lay blame at the feet of the ministry," Robinson said.

Gym Night participants thank community

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

Thank you.

Gratitude is palpable at Gym Night as boys and girls play like they are on a public playground, as a frigid wind whips the snow outside.

Some are shooting hoops, playing ball hockey or dancing in the corner. It's something they couldn't imagine happening anywhere else on this cold winter night.

When event organizer OPP Const. Robin Carmount, was required to supply all the sporting equipment, it threatened the continuation of the weekly offering at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden now in its third year. He turned to local community service groups and merchants for help to keep the night going.

The first community organization to step forward was the Minden Kin Club, which promptly donated \$1,000.

"It gives kids something to do in the evening in town. We're kind of limited to what kids can do, especially in the winter," Jack Prentice, a Kin Club member said. "Basically, it's good for everything – all around mental, physical and everything with a kid. It gives them something to do other than sit on a computer. It gives them a change."

Prentice said the club felt good about their first contribution, which spurred others to give. Their contribution was raised over the year by the club.

The club was motivated to give because they heard it was a safe, positive event.

Carmount believes their donation helped create the momentum, which resulted in \$2,100 being raised.

"It made it less of a hassle to go to the other organizations. I knew I probably needed \$2,000 to buy all the stuff that we needed ... basically, as soon as they heard I needed the money, boom, yep, here is \$1,000," he said. "The other organizations just followed with their support."

With the money, Carmount was able to purchase floor hockey sticks, hockey nets, goalie equipment (pads, blocker, trapper and masks), basketballs, badminton rackets, lacrosse sticks, footballs and other assorted sporting equipment, including a stereo to play music during the night. The equipment is stored in a bin Carmount constructed. He also constructed a Schlocky board, which is like a hybrid of the game of pool and hockey, except it has one hole where points are scored and uses bladeless hockey sticks and a puck.

Donors to the event include the Royal Canadian Legion Minden branch, the Rotary Club of Minden, the Minden and District Lions Club, North Country Movers (owner



Gym Night is continuing thanks to the support from community service groups, local merchants and private donors who saw the importance of the weekly offering at Archie Stouffer Elementary School of free play for children in Minden. The event's organizer Robin Carmount, an OPP constable in the Haliburton Highlands, raised enough money (along with discounts from local merchants) to purchase new sports equipment. / DARREN LUM Staff

Jeff Black), Wood Lumber Green Block, John Fountain Electronics and Minden Knights of Columbus, who not only donated, but covered the cost of insurance for the night. The event received additional support from Canadian Tire in Minden, Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports and The Source in Haliburton, who provided discounts on the equipment purchased.

Every Monday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. during the school year, the event brings children from Grades 6 to 8 and even high school students, who participate and gain community hours necessary for high school graduation by helping with setup and cleanup.

Carmount sees the high school students acting as role models and interacting with the younger children in a social setting, which benefits everyone.

Grade 9 student Ryan Prentice, who participated in Gym Night last year, enjoys being able to get his community hours by helping out and getting active.

"We still get to play around and mess around. We just have to help with the cleanup at the end and make sure it is as we left it," he said.

He lives within walking distance and would rather come out to the school instead of staying home.

Carmount adds they average close to 30 children a week.

He calls them "all around good kids" that don't need a lot of supervision.

The participating children are encouraged to donate at least \$1.

All the donations from the first part (October to December) of the weekly season contribute to a collection for the Minden Food Bank. The second half (January to May) collection is donated to any cause chosen by the children. The causes have been the Minden flood relief and the ASES breakfast program. In three years the children have raised \$948.



Gym Night participants battle for a ball during a ball hockey game on Monday, Feb. 23 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. /DARREN LUM Staff

Carmount said this collection wasn't used for the equipment because he wanted to find community service clubs to buy the equipment and their donations would continue to be used for the community.

"One thing that is nice about the whole thing is every single one of those kids that comes out participates because they want to. It's not something their parents have signed them up for where they have to get dragged to," he said. OPP auxiliary officers Geoff Bunn and Joel Parker are also organizers.

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Taking a bite out of bullying

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden's Archie Stouffer Elementary School was more colourful than usual on Feb. 25 as students and staff members donned pink shirts in recognition of Anti-Bullying Day, which is observed nationally each year.

It stems from an incident in 2007 when two teens in Berwick, Nova Scotia put on pink T-shirts to support a local Grade 9 boy who'd been bullied for wearing a pink T-shirt to school.

Students were also encouraged to wear colourful socks, to "sock it to bullying."

But standing up against bullying isn't just a one-day-a-year practice at the school.

"We have an anti-bullying team," says principal Traci Hubbert.

The school has a bullying prevention and intervention plan and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board teaches students values of citizenship through character education.

The board's "I Am Because of You," project encourages students to tell each other how they've made one another better people – which characteristics they have instilled in one another.

Younger students receive a card that reads, "I am . . . because of you," and are asked to draw a picture of how the person they are giving the card to has helped them.

Older students are asked to do the same, but as a written exercise.

For more information, visit www.puzzlepeace.ca.

Disposal of brush remains free

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The disposal of brush will remain a free service at landfills in Minden Hills township.

Councillors passed new fees for the municipality's waste disposal sites at a Feb. 26 meeting.

This includes a charge of \$2 per bag of improperly sorted residential waste, \$80 per cubic metre of improperly sorted construction waste and a charge of \$25 per

cubic yard of compacted household waste.

The recommendation council had received from staff also included a \$10-per-cubic-metre fee for the disposal of brush, which Councillor Jean Neville took issue with.

Neville said charging for brush disposal would mean more people would burn it at home, which would increase fire risk in the township. She was also concerned about the flack landfill attendants would receive over the measure.

Other councillors agreed.

In a recorded vote, Neville, Councillor

Jeanne Anthon and Councillor Pam Sayne voted against charging for brush, while Councillor Ron Nesbitt, Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Reeve Brent Devolin voted in favour.

A tied motion fails to pass.

Councillor Lisa Schell was absent from Thursday's meeting.

The new fees are being introduced to encourage better recycling practices and bring the township's fees in line with its county counterparts.

Minden Hills council grants cash donation

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at a Feb. 25 Minden Hills council meeting.

Councillors deferred a policy that will cap grants to outside organizations and approved donations to organizations that had requested them for 2015.

Those include \$4,000 to Community Care, \$3,500 to the Minden Food Bank, \$2,000 to the Minden Horticultural Society, \$2,000 to Point in Time, a one-time \$3,000 grant to Cat Angels for assistance in spaying and neutering stray cats in Minden and \$2,500 to the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research.

Council grants land, waives fees for affordable housing

Council passed a resolution declaring property that will be used for the construction of an affordable housing complex near Stouffer Street as surplus for municipal purposes. Councillors also granted a reduced residential tax rate and the waiver of planning, building and other permitting fees associated with the project.

The Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation is hoping to start construction on the single-storey, 12-unit facility in early 2016, with occupancy occurring in early 2017.

The project will use \$1 million in funding from the feds and provincial government, as well as \$100,000 from Haliburton County.

Council chooses new committees

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin announced the committees that will make recommendations to council during the new term at a Feb. 25 meeting.

It's the decision of municipal councils what kinds of advisory committees they will have.

Minden Hills will have advisory committees for planning and development (this will include economic development), the cultural centre, community services, roads, the Lochlin community centre, the Irondale community centre, as well as a cemetery board.

Sub-committees may be struck later.

"We have a great volunteer culture in Minden Hills," Devolin said. "We put a

great deal of thought into these committees trying to get it right."

While the structure for the Lochlin community centre committee will remain similar to what it has been, Devolin said the structure of the committee for the Irondale community centre will change.

The centre, he said, is unique since it is a Minden Hills-owned facility that is actually located in Highlands East. The new committee for the centre will be comprised of both Minden Hills and Highlands East residents. A member of Minden Hills council will also sit on the committee and, if Highlands East council is amenable, a councillor from that township as well.

It is expected members for the committees will be announced within the next couple of months.

Young Professionals Network to host St. Patrick's Day networking event

Are you in your 20s and 30s living in the Haliburton Highlands wondering if you're the only one? The Haliburton Highlands Young Professionals Network is holding an event to connect you with other young professionals in the county.

It's called St. Patrick's Day Speed Networking and it's happening from 7 to 10 p.m. on March 17 at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. Along with St. Paddy's Day green beverages and half-priced wings, you'll get some tips on how to get the most out of networking and mix up the crowd so you get a chance to meet everyone in the room.

Find out what other young professionals and entrepreneurs do, how they came to live in the Highlands and what their goals are. If you are in your 20s and 30s and interested in meeting other like-minded young people, come out and meet some great individuals! All young professionals are invited March 17 at the Dominion

Hotel in Minden to find out what the YPN is all about.

For more information and to RSVP look us up on Facebook, or email ypn@haliburtonchamber.com or call Lauren at 705-457-4700.

The Haliburton Highlands Young Professionals Network was established early in 2014 as an initiative of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. The first YPN event saw 50 young professionals attend and join the network. Since then, the committee has been holding various social and education events in the Haliburton Highlands geared to young professionals and entrepreneurs. Their goal is to connect and support young professionals who work, live and play in the Haliburton Highlands.

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Success starts and finishes with the team

by DARRIN LUM
Times Staff

When it comes to credit the Red Hawks



Red Hawks forward Kenndal Marsden watches her shot beat Hurricanes goalie Rosie Aiello during the shootout for the 2-1 win after the Kawartha High School playoffs game ended 1-1 on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks came back from a one-goal deficit to tie and then win it. Hawks goalie Connor Marsden stopped one penalty shot with close to two minutes left in regulation and all three shootout shots to preserve the win. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Most recently, following the 2-1 Kawartha playoff win (via a shootout after a five minute overtime) against the Holy

Cross Hurricanes on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton, their head coach Dan Marsden expounded on the unified efforts of his team on the day.

Although it started with a 3-0 loss to the St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints, the team rallied to end the day with a win.

Marsden loved how his team battled back from the 1-0 deficit in the first period when Hawks player Cassidy Garbutt, who was assisted on the goal by Kennadal Marsden and Sydney Cameron, scored the important equalizer with 4:36 left in the second.

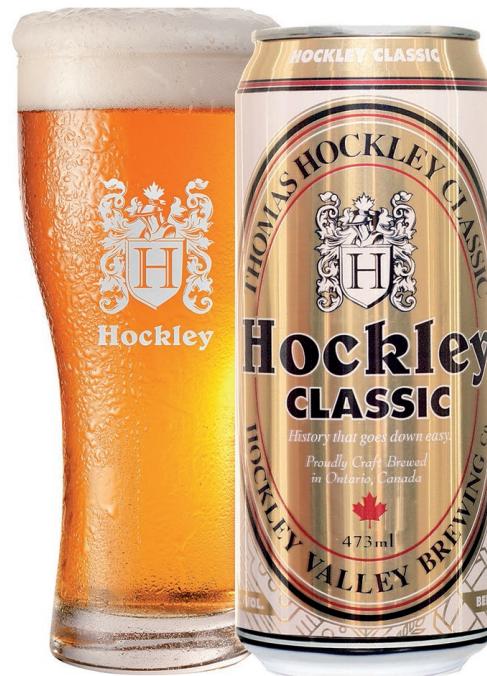
"We showed some heart to come back and tie it up because we don't play very well when we're behind and we said we got to try and find a second gear," he said. "Just keep moving the feet. That was a big thing we said all year."

When it comes to playing teams with more depth, he said, the key was to be aggressive, move the feet, which leads to moving the puck.

"It was exciting for the girls. I'm excited for the girls to be able to get to COSSA. Now it's another chance. We had a goal to make Kawartha so we had that push on and that worked out. So, now we made it to COSSA and we're at the AA, which is where we wanted to be. It gives us another chance to try and get that extra win to maybe make some other [special] things happen this year. Things keep happening it's nice they keep lining up for us," he

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Heart is at the root of success for HHSS girls

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said.

For this game and the morning loss against the Saints, Hawks goalie Connor Marsden was a standout, keeping it close (only allowing two goals) and making highlight saves.

Connor Marsden, who was solid all game, not only made three consecutive saves during the shootout, but also on a penalty shot awarded to the Hurricanes with close to two minutes left in regulation to preserve the 1-1 tie.

"She just seems to be able to make the big saves when need be," he said, referring to "calm nerves."

Coach Marsden remembers his daughter making three saves during the shootout in at tournament in Lake Placid, New York.

When the game ended 1-1 after a five minute overtime coach Marsden had to choose three shooters for the shootout.

Among his shooters included forward Kenndal, who spent a few minutes lying on the ice with an upper body injury earlier in the game. She ended up leaving the ice, but later returned to play the rest of the game.

"I said, 'How's your wrist?' She said it was okay. I said, 'Are you sure? If you can't shoot I'm not putting you in. 'I can shoot,' she said,'" he said. "It was a sniveler, a squeaker, but they all count when they go past the line."

As far as his shootout selections (Kelsey Maracle and Erin Little), it came down to who he thought had the "hands and

patience."

If the shootout continued he said he would have looked to Cameron, who he hadn't seen take a shootout, and Sydney Feir.

"You have to go with your gut at times," he said.

If Alicia McLean weren't left with a few seconds from her penalty at the end of overtime, he would have also added her, as she got the first goal in the shootout at the Lake Placid tournament.

Marsden confirmed the program is ending after this season and that this was the last home game.

His daughter Kenndal echoed the team sentiment mentioned by her dad when asked about her clutch shootout goal, which helped propel the team into the COSSA championship as an AA school – a loss would have relegated the team to play up in the AAA school category at COSSA.

"At first I didn't realize it went in so I wasn't sure if I should celebrate. But when I saw it go in I first turned around to see if my sister had stopped the other team. And when she did I was pretty excited. It was a team effort though and I'm looking forward to spending COSSA with all of the girls," she wrote in an email. "We are a team that encourages each other, and plays with heart. We have grown up together which I believe makes us stronger as a whole. We are confident, and always try to go into a game with a positive attitude," she said.



Red Hawks forward Kelsey Maracle tries to move the puck past Hurricanes goalie Rosie Aiello during the shootout after the Kawartha High School playoffs game ended 1-1 on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks came back from a one-goal deficit to tie and then win it 2-1 by way of a shootout.



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displayed excellent play and sportsmanship. On the ladies' side, outstanding play from lead Alanna Casper, second Wilhelmina Kocot, vice Tori Hawley, and skip Alyssa Denyer led to victory and qualified the team for the Kawartha championship.

Congratulations to the HHSS ladies' curling team. After two stellar games, the ladies will move on to COSSA.

Hawks Kawartha A champions

The junior boys' Red Hawks basketball team will be hoisting a banner in June as Kawartha A champions. The boys took on the Brock Bulldogs for all the marbles and did not disappoint. After a shaky start, the boys shook off

a 13-8 first quarter deficit and led at the half 16-15. The team took control of the game in the third quarter, outscoring Brock 26-12. Final score Red Hawks 42, Brock 27. Congratulations to the dynamic duo of Shane O'Reilly and Chris Thompson who scored 18 and 14 points respectively and pulled down more rebounds than the coaches could count. Our guards were awesome—Sam Longo had four points and six assists, Nick Placido had four points and four assists, and Owen Patterson-Smith had two points and six assists. Cam Little, Jordan Lapierre, Brandon Verstege, and Parker Smolen played tenacious defence.

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REVIEW

Bancroft Minden 2011–2021 Forest Management Plan Review of Proposed Operations for Phase II 2016–2021 Information Centre

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Bancroft Minden Forest Company (BMFC) and the Bancroft Minden Forest Local Citizens Committee (LCC) invite you to an information centre to help us develop the second five-year term (2016–2021) of the 2011–2021 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Bancroft Minden Forest**.

You will have the opportunity to review and comment on:

- The proposed areas identified for harvest, renewal and tending operations; and
- The proposed road locations and conditions for the second five-year term.

You will also have an opportunity to contribute to the background information to be used in planning.

How to Get Involved

To facilitate your review, an information centre will be held at the following location from **3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** on the following day:

Thursday, April 2, 2015
Faraday Township Community Centre
13 Lower Faraday Road
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A summary map showing proposed areas for harvest, renewal and tending operations as well as the proposed road corridors will be available at the information centre or upon request.

The information and maps available at the information centre will also be available for review and comment at the Bancroft Minden Forest Company office and at the MNRF Bancroft District Office, by appointment by contacting Tim Reece at 613-332-3940 ext. 248 during normal office hours for a period of 30 days **April 3, 2015 to May 2, 2015**. Comments must be received by Linda Touzin at the MNRF by **May 2, 2015**.

Meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests and concerns with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

Linda Touzin
 MNRF
 300 Water Street, 4th Floor South
 Peterborough, Ontario
 tel: 705-755-1558

Peter Nitschke
 BMFC
 27578 Highway 62 South
 Bancroft, Ontario
 tel: 613-332-6890

Jane Dumas
 Bancroft Minden Forest LCC
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 e-mail: aljadumas@gmail.com

During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the plan author, the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the *Forest Management Planning Manual* (2009).

The operations for the first five-year term (Phase I) of the 10-year FMP 2011–2021 are nearing completion and detailed planning for the second five-year term (Phase II) operations are commencing. This first stage (Stage 1) notice is to invite you to review and comment on proposed operations and to contribute to the background information to be used in planning.

Stay Involved

There will be two more formal opportunities for you to be involved. These stages are tentatively scheduled as follows:

Stage 2 – Review of Draft Planned Operations
Stage 3 – Inspection of MNRF-Approved Planned Operations

July/August 2015
November/December 2015

The tentative scheduled date for submission of the draft planned operations is **June 16, 2015**.

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Linda Touzin at 705-755-1558.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; however, your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Heath Finley at 705-755-3228.





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The Red Hawks boys' hockey team celebrate following a 10-3 win over the Campbellford Flames in the COSSA championship final on Monday afternoon, March 2 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The team will represent COSSA at the all-provincials next week in Pembroke. Their seeding at the tournament will be determined by their win/loss record and tournament results. /DARREN LUM Staff

Hawks do it again, win COSSA and OFSAA berth

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

There might not have been the same kind of drama at the Kawartha final as there was for the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) championship final, but that doesn't make the win any less important for the Red Hawks boys' hockey team.

When you win 10-3 over the Campbellford Flames in the final and take a 7-2 lead into the third period, it's hard not to feel like a game is over before it's over.

However the significance of the COSSA win isn't lost on Hawks coach Ron Yake, who enjoyed the win with his team.

He said this is the second COSSA title in as many years and only the third since 2007.

Yake thought the game was closer than it first appeared. Although he said his team had the edge mentally and handled the penalty kill better for this game and all the playoffs for Kawartha and COSSA.

Part of the plan, he said, was to attack the Flames with his best line for his team and the Kawartha Hockey League of Noah Dollo, Curtis Ballantyne and Joel Fedeski.

This Hawks line put the pressure on and provided the first goal coming from Ballantyne at 13:42 of the first from Fedeski. The team, who followed up with this line's energy, ended up with three goals (Devon Upton and Fedeski) in the first period because of this strategy.

The Flames couldn't keep up with the team's depth and pace. Yake points out the strength of his three forward lines, his tandem of goalies and the defence has been a

key to the team's success this season.

The visitors didn't respond until the second period when they scored on a five-on-three powerplay advantage.

A disallowed goal less than a minute later added to the Flames' frustrations, who felt like the officials were penalizing them more than they deserved.

At the 7:12 mark of the second, Hawks' Fedeski scored his second and the eventual game-winner to put the home side up 4-1 with 11 seconds left on a powerplay.

Hawks goalie Jordan Hamilton did his part, making a toe save on a breakaway (along with several others), keeping the score 4-1 and leaving the Flames with additional frustration.

As the last minutes wore on in the period, the Hawks added three more goals (all on the powerplay by Ballantyne, Connor Dollo, Mattt Wilbee) before the Flames got one back to make it 7-2 with under two minutes left in the period.

The rest of the game was a formality, as the Hawks played out the rest of the clock and then added two more (Ballantyne, who finished with a hat-trick, and Noah Dollo) through puck movement despite the Flames switching goalies early in the third.

The Hawks will leave for Pembroke this coming Monday, March 9 for the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association tournament. There is a 16 team field that will compete in round-robin play. To advance to the quarterfinal playoffs, teams will vie for the top two positions of the four-team pools.

COSSA semi-finals

In the game before the final, the Red

Hawks easily beat the second seed of the Quinte Region, the St. Paul Falcons 9-2.

The Falcons scored an early goal at the 8:52 mark of the first. It came after sustained pressure by the Hawks in the Falcons end.

This was the lone glimmer of light in an otherwise dark game for the visitors, who couldn't respond to an outpouring of goals

from the red and white that struck for eight unanswered goals. The Falcons added one more late in the third.

Hawks goalie Logan Churko wasn't busy, but was steady, even making a few spectacular saves and appeared far sharper than the Kawartha championship playoff game when he was pulled after the first period.



The Red Hawks player Connor Dollo bodies a Campbellford Flames player off the puck during the COSSA championship final on Monday, March 2 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks advanced to the all-provincials next week in Pembroke with a 10-3 win. /DARREN LUM Staff

Storm Midget B Girls tame The Wild

The Minden Car Quest Auto Midget B girls advanced to their eastern loop finals in their league championship Friday night with a 3-0 win over the West Northumberland Wild in Haliburton. Alicia McLean put the Storm up 1-0 with a little dangle-it in the first period beating the Wild tender with what proved to be the game-winning goal. In the second period, Alicia McLean added two more beauties, going top glove with a sweet wrister and later firing short-side shelf on the power play for the hat-trick. Connor Marsden earned the shut-out victory, her second in the league play-offs, stopping all West Northumberland shooters. The Storm will play either the Keene Wolverines or the Peterborough Ice Kats in the eastern loop finals of their league championship. The winning team will advance to the all-Ontario finals at the league's championship weekend at the end of March. Keep up the total team play, girls, grinding

out these play-off wins with grit and determination. Your continued improving efforts will be the key to our future successes.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Peewee Storm overwhelms Elmvale

The Minden Pharmasave Peewee A team faced off against the Elmvale Coyotes for their first two games of the OMHA semi-finals ending the weekend with two wins under their belts.

On Friday the Peewee team travelled to Elmvale for the first game of the series. The teams were well matched and battled back and forth with Elmvale scoring the only goal in the first period. The second period went scoreless. After the flood for the third period, the Highland Storm Minden Pharmasave Peewees took the ice with a new found determination scoring three goals in 10 minutes. Goals scored by Joe Boice (unassisted), Benn MacNaull (unassisted) and Isaac Little (assisted by Ryan Hall).

On Sunday, March 1 the Highland Storm Minden Pharmasave Peewees hosted in Haliburton for Game 2 of the series. A very back and forth game kept the fans on the edge of their seats. The first goal scored by Elmvale was quickly answered by Storm defenceman Alex Little (assisted by Tyson Clements). Another goal for Elmvale was again answered by Alex Little (assisted by Benn MacNaull) to tie up the game for a second time.

The game went into sudden death overtime and just when it looked as though the game would be left in a tie, Zach Morissette (assisted by Isaac Little and Joe Boice) scored with only 37 seconds remaining. Well done, boys!

Next game is Friday, March 6 in Elmvale.

Submitted by Jennifer Little

Storm Bantam A takes a 2-0 lead in semi-finals

The Storm met with the Kincardine Kinucks this weekend to start the semi-finals. It was an exciting first game Saturday in Haliburton, the Storm won in overtime, 2-1. A scoreless first period had lots of back and forth action. It was a hard point shot from Garbutt that found the opening, for the Storm's first goal, midway through the second



The Highland Storm's Minden Car Quest Midget B girls defeated the West Northumberland Wild 3-0 on Friday, Feb. 27 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The win advanced the team to the eastern loop finals in the league championship. /DARREN LUM Staff

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period. The action continued throughout the game. With minutes left, the Kinucks tied it up, sending the game into overtime. A battle around the net resulted in a goal by Schmidt, assist going to Walker. A great game by all.

Next day, the acquainted teams met for Game 2 in Haliburton. This time the Storm stepped it up, winning the game 4-1 and taking a 2-0 lead in series. The scoring began late in the first with a battle around the net. A goal by Schmidt, assisted by Cooper. The Storm kept the pressure on, constantly driving to the net. Patterson-Smith took his own rebound for goal two, midway through second, passes from Cooper and Manning. Later on, Patterson-Smith found himself alone in front of the net with the puck, fed by Manning, and he snapped it in, making it 3-0. Shortly after, the Kinucks managed a goal, ending the period 3-1. The momentum continued to build in the third period. With minutes left, the Kinucks pulled the goalie. Schmidt scored an empty-netter from a pass by Lucas Haedicke, sealing the win. Awesome work by the Storm team, special mention to Smolen, who was solid in net for both games.

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Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

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Lenten season teaches compassion and kindness



The Minden Church Mouse also heard Father Peter say ...

Dear friends in Christ,

Every season has its blessing. Divine Father showers upon us His countless blessings through these seasons. God wants us to be happy and enjoy life to the fullest. We are so blessed to have different liturgical seasons that bring many divine knowledge and wisdom to all. This Lenten season especially teaches us the compassion and kindness of God almighty. As we go to Christ our Master, we learn the secret of life that has no end.

As we begin this new season, Christ invites us to know that we are human. We are fragile and weak. Our human fragility takes us away from God and divine things. It may weaken us physically and mentally.

At the same time, we are not just human but are spiritual beings. We are here for a purpose. We are here to know and love God with our whole heart. Our spirit is stronger than our flesh. It can take us away from all temptations and other human challenges. As we pray, fast and do charitable works, we can easily overcome our human frailty and thus find God in what we do.

This Lenten season especially brings more spiritual strengths and blessings. Our spiritual blessings are more powerful than all other human limitations. Our faith in Christ our Lord helps us to overcome our frailties. So let us carefully use this season of Lent to experience more of His divine love and kindness. So Let us pray,

"Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects." Amen.

Submitted by Father Peter Selvaraj, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Some upcoming March Church Community Events include:

- * Sundays 10:30 a.m. – "Walking with Jesus" Series (Minden Bible Church)
- * Sundays 11 a.m. – "Kids Time" weekly program for ages four to 12 (Minden United)
- * Sundays 12:30 to 2 p.m. – Weekly Lenten Study Series "Epiphany Explorations" (Minden United)
- * Tuesdays 3:30 to 5 p.m. – Kool Kids Kooking Klub (St. Paul's Anglican)
- * Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. – Weekly Lenten Bible Study (St. Paul's Anglican)
- 12 p.m. - Lenten Lunch (St. Paul's Anglican)
- * Thursdays 12 p.m. -Mid-Week Bible Study, Lunch and Learn "Multiply with Francis Chan (Minden Bible)
- * Fridays 5 p.m. -Special Stations of the Cross followed by Mass (Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church)
- * Friday, March 6 - 2 p.m. – World Day Of Prayer Service (Minden United)
- * Saturday, March 14 5 p.m. – St. Patrick's Beef Stew Dinner (Minden United)
- * Sunday, March 22 11 a.m. – Sunday Service/"Joyful Noisemakers"/ Soup and Sandwich Lunch (Minden United)

The contents of this monthly column in the Minden Times are supplied by:
* Father Peter Selvaraj – Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. – 705-286-4117 (Mass Saturday 7 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.)

* Rev Max Ward – Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St.-705-286-1470 (Sunday Services and Kids Time 11 a.m.)

* Rev. Joan Cavanaugh- Clark – St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon St. – 705-286-2541 (Sunday Services and Kids' Club 10:30 a.m. with Holy Eucharist) * Pastor David Johnson – Minden Bible Church, 177 Bobcaygeon Rd., 705-286-1338 (Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.)

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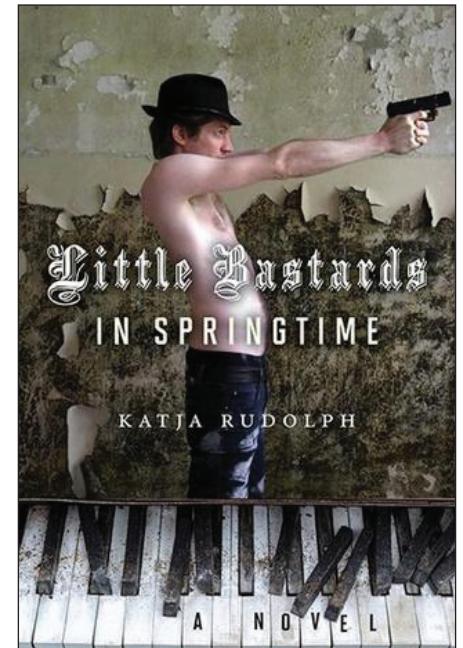
Little Bastards in Springtime

by Katja Rudolph

It's spring 1992. Jevrem Andric is 11 years old, and brutal civil war is erupting in Sarajevo. At first it's just boring, as kids shut in apartments run out of ways to entertain themselves. A few weeks later, boredom is a luxury. Hell has arrived. They are trapped and face starvation and death. Jevrem's only comfort is his beloved grandmother, a tough Second World War partisan who has seen everything there is to see in war. Five years later, what's left of his family has immigrated to Toronto, where spring feels like mid-winter, his grandmother is broken and ill, and 16-year-old Jevrem is on a rampage, drinking, doing drugs and breaking into houses with his small gang of Yugoslav friends.

When his grandmother dies, he faces a moral reckoning that compels him to try, in his own warped way, to do some good in the world - the consequences be damned.

Little Bastards in Springtime by Katja Rudolph is one of the nominees for the 2015 Evergreen Award. Read as many as you like from the list and vote for your favourite in October!



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Events

St. Patrick's Beef Stew & Biscuit Dinner
Minden United Church
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Fisher wins dinner for two



Last week Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin drew the name for Minden Legion's first-ever raffle for a dinner for two at a local restaurant. The winner of February's draw is Judy Fisher for a dinner for two at The Pepper Mill. Rick Wilson, ways and means chairman thanked Greg Turner of The Pepper Mill for a generous donation toward the gift certificate. Rick also thanked all those individuals who eagerly participated in buying tickets for this dinner raffle. Minden Legion is currently selecting the restaurant for the March draw and the public can come into the Branch any weekday and buy a ticket for the next dinner for two. The Legion is also one of the few locations in Minden where the public can purchase break-open Nevada tickets. Proceeds from Nevada support the Minden Food bank and other charities in our community. The Legion's share helps with our utility costs so the branch is able to provide space to several community groups who meet here.

There was a full house at the monthly Sunday euchre. Shirley Howe went away beaming at being the sole winner for the day, with second place prizes going to Harold Harvey and Tom Orr. Congratulations to Tom Grix for his Lone Hand. Card players should mark your calendars, these Big Euchres are held the first Sunday of the month at the Minden Legion, starting at 12 noon.

At the first general membership meeting of 2015, members of Minden Legion had an opportunity to renew acquaintances and to share comradeship before and after the meeting. Initiations of the newest members Tracy Salvatori, Jay Salvatori and Dr. Paul Hwang, were scheduled immediately following the opening ceremony. Minutes of the executive meetings held since start of the winter break were available to explain the initiatives the executive has completed on behalf of the Branch. This weekend, we are expecting to bring home several awards from the Zone Convention in Kinmount.

There are about 20 members who have yet to renew their membership for 2015. You are encouraged to do so quickly to continue support of the services provided to veterans by the Royal Canadian Legion.

During a Dominion executive council (DEC) meeting held recently at Legion House in Kanata, the Legion re-affirmed its commitment to roll out the welcome mat to Canada's veterans as well as to the Canadian public. "Any veteran with a valid I.D. indicating their service in the Canadian Armed Forces or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is welcome as a guest at any our Legion branches. Our veterans continue to serve our Nation and we are there to serve them. DEC also reaffirmed its belief that all Canadians are welcome to visit any Legion branch, share in the comradeship and the stories and to show their support for our veterans (by becoming) a member of the Legion as well. This is the Legion's legacy; close to 90 years of service."



Ways and Means chairman Rick Wilson, left, and Reeve Brent Devolin choose the winning raffle ticket for the dinner for two promotion.

ATTENTION Haliburton Area Contractors

The Municipalities of Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills are holding Information Sessions to help improve the process to obtain Building & Septic Permits and for general discussions to any changes in the Building Code.

We are interested in your input. Everyone is welcome

**Where: A.J. La Rue Community Centre
2nd floor, 728 Mountain St, Haliburton**

When: Septic Permits: Thursday March 5, 2015 - 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Building Permits: Thursday March 12, 2015 - 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM



Healthy cooking class coming up

DORSET NEWS

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This year's World Day of Prayer service is on Friday, March 5 at 10:30 a.m. at Knox United Church and is being hosted by Lake of Bays Anglican Parish. The focus country for 2015 is the Bahamas and all are welcome to come to this special service. Refreshments will be provided.

Join health coach Sam Allard for a fun and informative class on healthy cooking with whole foods. The Dorset Recreation Centre is the location and the class takes place on Monday, March 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. Participants will create a healthy appetizer, main dish and dessert. On the menu is cream of broccoli soup, broccoli cheddar quinoa bites and chocolate tofu brownies! Participants will have something to take home. The cost is \$15 per person and all materials supplied. Please register by March 6 by emailing recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or by calling 705-766-9968.

Dorset ladies night is on Tuesday, March 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. All ladies are welcome for a night of games, activities and St. Patrick's Day themed fun! The cost is \$5 per person. Each lady needs to bring a wire hanger, 50 wooden clothespins, some green patterned scrapbook paper (if you have some) a large green bow, and some Mod Podge for the

St. Patrick's Day clothespin wreath. There will be shamrock pretzel bites, a shamrock shake, Irish tea cake and green Jell-O, face painting with Fluffy Feet Face Painting of Dorset, trivia, word searches, cross word puzzles and a tater toss game! Wear green and you could win a prize! Please call 705-766-9968 or email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca to register. Tell your friends - the more the merrier!

The annual fundraiser Hike for Hospice is coming up in May and Team Dorset is welcoming new members to help raise funds for the facility in Huntsville. If you would be interested in joining Team Dorset, please give Jan a call at 705-766-2170.

You may have heard the buzz! And organizers are asking for help to spread the word. There will be a Dorset Public School reunion on Saturday, Aug. 1 starting at 1 p.m. on the old Dorset School property. Meet and greet your old classmates, make new friends, share old photos and stories and create great memories! Please help to spread the word as many have lost touch with past students. For more information, check out Dorset Public School on Facebook or email amstroud@sympatico.ca.

Birthday wishes for March 1 to 7 go out to Ted Morris, Aubrey Keown, Lorraine Cyopick, Bryn Davies and Colleen Tyrrell. Happy birthday! If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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Amusement in the dentist's waiting room

AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Here at the old farmhouse the last two weeks could easily be called "dental emergencies fortnight" with Bruce the first casualty and now me. After some 40 years yesterday the cap on my front tooth simply slid off and there is no smiling until it can hopefully be glued back on tomorrow. Prolonged thumb sucking and like most families no finances for childhood orthodontics has left a significant overbite which in earlier years might have been considered appealing (look at the success of movie stars Gene Tierney and

Dame Judy Dench) but no longer. Determined to prevent the children from the same fate and blessed with some dental coverage we took David and Megan to see the orthodontist who held consultations at a local dentist office once a month. As to be expected the waiting room was overflowing and David sat on the floor cross-legged with his back to me. After noticing many stares and smiles in his direction I found out why. He had stretched a brown elastic around his upper teeth and hung several paper clips from it clearly expressing his personal opinion re any braces. I took the hint. Today both his daughter and Megan's son have beautiful smiles post braces but youngest grandson Ben confides that he does not believe he will ever need them.

There are several events coming up in Kinmount and area this weekend but first a reminder to turn your clock ahead one hour before the official change to Daylight Saving Time this Sunday, March 8 at 2 a.m. According to the Kinmount United Church's March newsletter DST always begins on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November with the early morning change time selected in an effort to cause the least inconvenience to businesses and individuals. Personally I wish the powers to be would leave the time alone like in Saskatchewan and anyone who wants to get up an hour earlier just go for it.

Along with the time change International Women's Day will be celebrated as every year globally on March 8, acknowledging the achievements of women and to support equality. Organizations use this special day to educate and bring awareness to the plight of many women around the

world be it with regard to economics, social justice or political freedom. Apparently what started as a Socialist party initiative is now a recognized holiday and supported by the United Nations. Another date of note is Friday, March 6 which is the World Day of Prayer and everyone is warmly invited to attend a special service at the Galway Hall beginning at 2 p.m.

The annual meeting of the Galway and Area Ratepayers Association Inc. will be held this Saturday, March 7 in the fully accessible Galway Hall beginning at 10 a.m. The regular meeting of the group will then follow the AGM with guest speaker Ivan Coumbs, superintendent of works for the Municipality of Trent Lakes who will provide updates on the roads, the bridge situation on both the Dutch Line and Galway Roads, landfills and other subjects of interest to area residents both permanent and seasonal. This is a great opportunity to dialogue with senior staff, be kept informed, share concerns and meet your neighbours.

The Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild will hold its annual meeting for 2014 this Sunday, March 8 in the Kinmount Community Centre beginning at 2 p.m. March Break is fast approaching and again this year the guild will hold a Craft Morning for children five to 12 years on Wednesday, March 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Kinmount Community Centre. There is no charge but advanced registration would be much appreciated for planning purposes. To register please call Patti at 705-488-2938 and don't forget to bring your indoor slippers or shoes

Until next week keep busy and well. They go together ...

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County card scores

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with Shirley Davis high lady and Betty Hicks low. Top marks for the gents was posted by Bruce Sheppard while Jim MacPherson was low man and Rae Dawn Sheppard won the special prize.

February 25 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Alek and Irena Zworski were first at 68 percent then Ev Morgan and Reet Murray 60 percent and Kathie Porter partnered with Diane James 53 percent.

February 25 bid euchre at Stanhope: High scores for the pinks went to Jean Dutka 269, our reporter Linda Lambert 219 and Marg Oetelaar 190. First for the whites at 290 was Jason Peacock then Tom Orr 276 and Anne Manning 200 while Jean Dutka and Marg Oetelaar [2] took the moonshots.

February 26 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Pearl Cowen and Reg Coulter with Pat McInnis and Harold Harvie posting the high scores. The evening's lows were recorded by Betty Wagar and Tom Bagshaw while the other prizes were claimed by Elaine Smith and Bev Alexander. Thanks to Tom Grix for this news.

February 26 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson reports that the leading ladies were Sharron Atkinson 233, Ida Young 227, Maria Tschida 219 and Betty Wagar 211. At 234 Garth Windsor was first for the gents followed by Bruce Medcalf 231, Dwaine Lloyd 200 and Jesse Barlow 198. Dwaine Lloyd held the hidden score, Jesse Barlow won the card draw and Diane Wigley call 1 while Pat Roussel and Archie Ross [2] took the moonshots.

February 27 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Jack and Willie Cox led at 62 percent then Ross Davies and our bridge reporter Muriel McIintosh 60 percent and Ev Morgan partnered with Reet Murray 55 percent.

February 27 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Arthur Forbes, for low hands Joan Riel and for both lone hands and the special prize our reporter Shirley Howe.

February 28 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: For the ladies Jean Randell led at 298 followed by Jean Scadden 268, Vi Howell 219 and Karin Harrison 199. First for the gents at 268 was Jesse Barlow then Howard Smith 257, Archie Ross 238 and Pat Scadden 188 with Ron Morrison winning the major special prize and Maria Tschida, Jesse Barlow and Karin Harrison claiming the smaller awards. In the moonshot column Jean Randell, Marcel Roussel, Theresa Deak and Pat Scadden had singles with Jason Peacock taking two. This news comes from our interim reporter Bev Johnson.

March 2 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Pearl Cowen and Lynn Preston with our interim reporter Betty Sharpe and Don Blakey posting the high scores. The low score of the afternoon was claimed by Marion Stickwood while Lyn Preston took home the special prize.

March 2 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Pearl Cowen won for high hands, our reporter Sherin Brown for lone hands with an impressive total of 9, Bev Johnson for low hands and Maria Tschida for the special prize.

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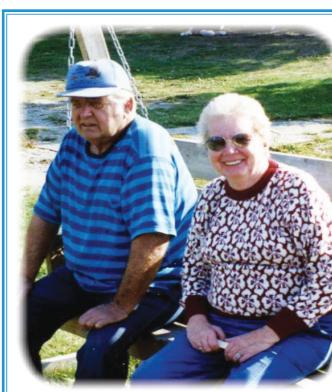
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In Loving Memory of

Helen V. Byne (nee Graham)



Passed away peacefully at the Pinecrest Nursing Home, Bobcaygeon on Friday, February 27, 2015 with her family by her side. In her 89th year.

Beloved wife of the late John H. Byne. Dear mother of Hugh (June), Warren (deceased) (Barb), Dwight (Linda). Loving grandmother of 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Dear sister of the late Ivy Handley and Bertram Graham. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Monday, March 2, 2015 from 1:30 pm until the time of the Service to Celebrate Helen's Life at 3:30 pm. Spring Interment at Kinmount Cemetery. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home.



Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory of

Ray McArthur



Passed away peacefully at home in Moore Falls on Friday, February 27, 2015 at the age of 67.

Beloved husband of Donna. Dear father of Jamie (Debbie), and Stacey. Loving grandfather of Kaylee Raye. Dear brother of Arlene, Joanne (Bert), and predeceased by John. Brother-in-law of Lenny (Sheila), Michael (Lillie), Kevin (Michelle), and Larry. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to join the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 for a gathering to celebrate Ray's Life on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 from 2:00 until 4:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

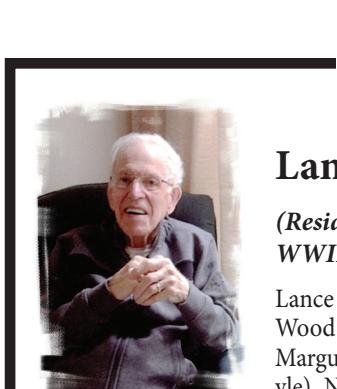


In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Lance Easton

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)
WWII Veteran H.M.C.S Signalman

Lance passed away peacefully on March 1, 2015 at Highland Wood LTC, Haliburton in his 89th year, with his beloved wife Marguerite and family by his side. Loving father of Michael (Cheryle), Nancy Stinson (Michael), Eleanor Shepro (Ron) of Arizona and Lynda. Dear grandfather of Lance (Debbie), Tanya (Neil), Ryan (Lucy), Shannon and Cory (Lindsay) of Oregon. Great-grandfather of Brooke, Mikayla, Katie, Ava, Alex and Chris. Brother of the Late Shirley Brandon, Ruth Lovett, Bill Coneybeare, Dorothy Edney, John Coneybeare and Olive Currey. Lance worked from the time he left the Navy until he retired with his family in the Easton Family Grocery Business which he and Marguerite eventually owned. He also treasured his fishing and hunting buddies and the many adventures they enjoyed together.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209. As expressions of sympathy, donations to HHHSF - Highland Wood would be appreciated by the family.

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William "Bill" Marcus Roszell

Passed away at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Monday, February 23, 2015 after 85 happy years.

Beloved husband of the late Betty. Dear father of Mark and his wife Peggy, Paul and his wife Randi. Loving grandfather of Patrick (Taryn), Sean, Carly and Eric. Dear brother of the late Paul and Ruth. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends and family are invited to a Gathering to Celebrate Bill's Life at the St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club, 4 Pinnacle Trail, Aurora, Ontario on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 2:00 until 4:00 pm.



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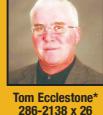
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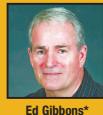
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- Great building lot, West Exp
- Just outside of Haliburton Village
- Just under 1/2 an acre
- Beautiful natural setting

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- Amazing privacy, beautiful SW view
- 3 bedroom cottage/home
- Garage with workshop and ATV/sled storage
- 265' shoreline, close to snowmobile trails

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- Wonderful downtown location
- Currently used as a triplex
- Commercially zoned for future
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Head Lake Norland \$199,000

- 48 acre vacant parcel
- 200 feet waterfront
- Southern exposure
- Hardwood bush

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

South of Minden \$117,900

- Well maintained home in quiet community
- Newly shingled roof in 2012, bright kitchen
- 3 bdrms, laundry room, woodstove, office
- Loads of space, private yard

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

Country Getaway \$229,000

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- 4 Season cottage, West Exposure, 340' on Drag River
- Close to Canning Lake, Tranquil setting, 4 acres
- 2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Laundry, Sunroom, Carport & Stor. Shed.

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

13 Acres Minden Building Lot \$55,000

- 13 Well treed acres, both soft and hardwoods
- Building site and driveway in place
- Hydro and telephone at the road
- Backs on to privately owned, non-developed woodlands

Margie Prestwich 705-306-0491

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SOLD

- Sun all day, huge lake view, gorgeous sand beach, incredible sunsets
- Executive cottage with 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, gourmet kitchen, 2 fireplaces
- Separate guest suite, finished lower level, rec room, wet bar, office
- Attached triple car garage as well as detached 30 x 40 workshop

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

Keefer Street Lot \$59,900

SOLD

- Wonderful country setting, mature trees
- Walking distance to downtown Haliburton
- Preferred neighbourhood, fine homes
- Last lot available on this dead end street

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24

Glamor Lake \$569,000

- Stunning sunsets from this property
- WO to lakeside deck from master, kit & livingrm
- WO bsmt, landscaped lot, perennial gardens
- 3 car gar. with storage, + out buildings, custom dock

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

Maple Lake \$469,900

- Year Round 3 Bdrm./3 Bath Home
- Over 3500 sq ft of living space
- Hardwoods, Cathedral Ceiling, 2 Propane Fireplaces
- Att'd Garage, Full Finished Basement, Sand Shoreline

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32

Hobby Farm \$364,900

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- 37.5 acres of fun
- Beautiful 3+ bedroom home
- Large barn, garage, and guest house
- Direct access to 1000's of acres of crown land and trails

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Close to Ski Hill \$34,500

- Building lot in Eagle Lake Area
- 1.37 acres with frontage on 2 municipal roads
- Easy access with services at lot line
- Public beach, shopping & restaurants nearby

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

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- Fees cover snow/trash removal & lot maint

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Kushog Lake \$662,000

NEW LISTING

- 150 ft lakefront plus over 150 ft river-front on 2.9A
- Both a sand beach and rock shelf to deep water
- West facing perfectly flat lot with lots of decks
- 1975 s.f. living space in cottage and 2 bunkies

Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968

Bobcaygeon Road \$189,900

NEW PRICE

- High and dry on Main Street w paved parking
- C-4 Village commercial zoning tons of potential
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- Nicely landscaped with easy care perennials

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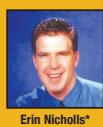
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